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[Mr. Speaker]

tell the hon. Members that I have been very lenient in these matters. If, however, the hon. Members repeat this practice, I will rule the motions out of order in my Chamber itself and will not bring them before the House.

V.—INFORMATION *RE* THE STRENGTH OF THE MAIN OPPOSITION PARTY.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Sir, I rise to a point of order. Some of the Members of the Indian National Democratic Congress Legislature Party which has now merged with the Swatantra Party during the recent Tiruchirappalli Convention, have submitted their resignations from the Party and have also intimated the fact to you, Mr. Speaker. But so far, you have not taken any action . . .

MR. SPEAKER: It is not a point of order. Anyway, let the hon. Member finish his point.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Since their number has been considerably reduced, we are very eager to know the position of the Main Opposition Party in this House.

MR. SPEAKER : It is not a point of order. If the hon. Member says that he is anxious to know the position, that is another thing and the answer to that is, 'Please wait and see!' (Laughter.)

VI.—GOVERNMENT BILLS

(1) THE COURTALLAM TOWNSHIP (VALIDATION OF TAXES AND LIBRARY CESS) BILL, 1960.

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : Sir, I beg to move—

"That leave be granted for the introduction the Courtallam Township (Validation of Taxes and Library Cess) Bill, 1960 [a]"

MR. SPEAKER: The question is—

"That leave be granted for the introduction of the Courtallam Township (Validation of Taxes and Library Cess) Bill, 1960 ."

The motion was put and carried and leave was granted.

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER : The Bill is introduced.

VII.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1960-61.

DEMAND XXI—CO-OPERATION.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor, I move—

"That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rupees 1,87,92,800 under Demand XXI—Co-operation."

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